

PTA

The Torrance Council Way

Mrs. Ralph Gring

COUNCIL
 "Inspiration — Founders Day," was the theme of the Torrance Council meeting held Wednesday, Feb. 5. Presenting the Founders Day portion of the program was Mrs. Fred Field, chairman and the following Council members, Mmes. Marvin Richards, Don Rickbaugh, James McDonald, Carl Campbell, E.W. Barsley, and Edward Carroll.

Honorary Life Membership Awards were presented by Mrs. Paul Crossman and her committee, Mmes. Hiro Jurana, E.W. Barsley, Marvin Richards, Carl Campbell, and James McDonald.

Receiving a National Honorary Life Award was Mrs. Robert Hagenbaugh, registrar of Torrance Council and an active PTA member for many years and past president of Torrance Council. Another recipient of an Honorary Life Award was Burton E. Belzer, of the Torrance Board of Education. They will be honored guests of the Torrance Council Honorary Life Dinner to be held March 6 at the Elks Club in Redondo Beach.

Presenting a parody of Harper Valley PTA, written by Mmes. Fred Lincoln and Fred Field were the following principals, Don Credell, Fern-Greenwood; Victor Kilburn, Lincoln; Stan Roberts, Torrance Elementary; Scotty Gray, Casimir; Al Phelps, assistant principal; and Harold Kusch, vice principal, Fern-Greenwood. Mrs. Margaret Collin, school education chairman of Council, was the coordinator of the principals song parody.

ARLINGTON
 The Feb. 20 association meeting of Arlington PTA will honor past Honorary Life members and past PTA presidents and the 1968-69 Honorary Life recipient will be announced. The Pledge of Allegiance will be given by Mrs. Wayne Pearson, past PTA president. A special feature of the evening will be the presentation of an original play written and directed by Mrs. Carl Wood, Honorary Life chairman and will feature, Robert Jones, Stanley Shaw, Mmes. Carmine Inferera, Henry Perkins, Donald Caveny, Dan Griffey.

JOSEPH ARNOLD
 With "Involvement — The New Look" as the theme for the Arnold PTA, the Feb. 18 meeting will be "The Patriotic Look." Bob Zimmerman will give a patriotic presentation of the Flag of the United States. Trophies will be awarded for the best essay written by students on "I'm Glad I'm an American," and a very deserving person will receive the Honorary Life Award. The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria and sixth grade mothers will hostess.

Another Parent Education Workshop on Narcotics will be held in the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 17. Featured will be a panel of students, who will discuss the drug addiction problem. The PTA will assist in the testing and ribbons will be awarded to winners when Arnold holds a bicycle rodeo Feb. 19 at 1 p.m.

COLUMBIA
 "Family Physical Fitness" will be the theme of the Columbia PTA meeting Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Mrs. Richard Livingstone, Honorary Life chairman, will present an Honorary Life Membership to a deserving person, for their outstanding work with youth in school and the community. Mrs. Jack Spurlock, past president and Honorary Life recipient, will speak in observance of Founders Day.

The program will also feature Columbia students participating in basic skills, workshop games and sports.

EDISON
 Edison PTA will sponsor a Book Drive Feb. 24 through 28, to help fill the shelves of the Torrance Libraries, announced Mrs. Richard Greetan, Library chairman. During this week children of all the grades will be asked to bring unused books from their homes, either paperback or hard bound. The books will be sorted, usable volumes going directly to the Library. Those not suitable for circulation will be sold to enable the Library to purchase new books.

Mrs. Mary Simons, coordinator of Childrens Books with the Torrance Library Department, commented, "This is the first drive of this kind for books and we appreciate Edison PTA's efforts."

Edison PTA recently donated \$50 worth of Childrens Books to the North Torrance Library.

HICKORY
 Expanding on the theme, "Love, U.S.A.," Hickory Elementary PTA will present a musical variety program for Founders Day to be held Feb. 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Mrs. Pauline Mach, director of the program announced the action takes place boarding and taking off on an airliner with the Stewardess, Mrs. John Laskaris, narrating the program.

Faculty members designed and constructed the sets and Parents and PTA board members will take an active part in the program. Honorary Life recipient will be announced at this time and honored guests will be past recipients, presidents and principals.

MEADOW PARK
 Meadow Park PTA and the Torrance Fire Department will co-sponsor a Bicycle Rodeo at the school on Monday, Feb. 17, at 1 p.m.

Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. Meadow Park PTA will meet in the cafeteria, the Pledge of Allegiance to be led by Den 3 of Cub Scout Pack 966C led by Mrs. Detweiler.

A Mata Navamarat from Thornburi, Thailand and Barbara Moffitt, who attended school in Lucena, Philippines last summer will be guest speakers. Meadow Park chorus under the direction of Mrs. O.R. Sweet, will serenade Miss Navamarat and Miss Moffitt with songs from the Philippines and Thailand.

RIVIERA
 At the Feb. 20 meeting of the Riviera PTA a program will be presented by Mrs. Avis Kreech, of the American Field Service. She will discuss the exchange program of foreign countries and introduce several American students who participated in this program aboard last summer.

The Honorary Life Membership will be awarded and the fifth grade students will sing. The meeting is held at 7:30 a.m. and refreshments will be served.

SEPULVEDA
 Saturday, Feb. 15 Sepulveda PTA will show a movie "The Mother" a Science-Fiction thriller 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in the school Auditorium.

The regular PTA meeting will be held Feb. 19 at the cafeteria at 7:30 p.m. This meeting will feature Founders Day, the Honorary Life Membership Award and an Art Festival of all the children of the school. Mr. and Mrs. Don Graves are Founders Day chairman and Hospitality chairman, Mrs. Anthony D'Acquisto, promises a "Fantastic Treat" after the meeting.

VICTOR
 Victor Elementary school will hold its annual Art Festival Feb. 18 at which time PTA members will judge the students' art work displayed in the cafeteria.

Honorary Life presentations and a Founders Day skit will be on the program of the Victor PTA meeting to be held



Little Pitchers—Big Ears

Friendship Dances Set For Retarded Children

Redondo Beach Dianas will again be assisting at the monthly "Friendship Dances" for mentally retarded children, ages 13-19, at the Columbia School, 4502 W. 186th St., Torrance. Two members of the Junior Women's Club attend each month to assist with the parties.

Mrs. Ed Grey, Mental Health chairman, states that cookies and punch are served to the children and door prizes are given, all donated by the Dianas. Also, two bouquets of flowers are furnished at each of the dances and are given to a boy and a girl at the end of the evening to be presented to their parents.

The "Friendship Dances," held the second Friday of each month, are sponsored by the Southwest Association for Mentally Retarded Children, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Wittman. The next event will be a Valentine Party this evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Mrs. Wittman states that she is aware that there are many retarded children in the area who perhaps do not have the opportunity to get out and become acquainted with children of their own ages and anyone interested, may call her, or contact Mrs. Grey of the Dianas at P.O. Box 89, Redondo Beach.

The dances are well chaperoned, and many of the parents remain there for the evening. Mrs. Grey states that the children thoroughly enjoy themselves at the dances and it gives them something special to look forward to each month.

Torrance Camp 9808, Royal Neighbors of America, met for a business session and Valentine Party on Feb. 4 at the Torrance Woman's Club, 1422 Engracia Ave., at 8 p.m.

This was the first event with the new officers in charge. They are Mmes. Laura Coger, orator; Marie Koshak, past orator; Iola Hunderman, vice orator; Stelma Norris, chancellor; Mary Baker, recorder; Opal Hoy, receiver.

Others are Mmes. Sophia Duncan, marshal; Mary Chiara, assistant marshal; Isabelle Schwartz and Angeline Disario, sentinels; Cora Hill, Bertha Sharp and Marguerite Baudin, managers; Susie Walker, musician.

Mmes. Maud Milburn, Dorothy Maloy, Vernice Kern, Velma Kent and Juanita McNew, graces; Marie Fischer, flag bearer; and Mary Baker, drill captain.

Torrance AAUW Branch

Presents Family Life Play

"The Children are Listening," a play with a cast of professional actors, will be presented free of charge to all interested parents in the South Bay area at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Jefferson Elementary school, 21717 Tallisman Ave.

The half-hour dramatic presentation and ensuing discussion is being sponsored by the Torrance Branch of the American Association of University Women in cooperation with "Plays for Living," Southern California division of Family Service Association of America.

Mrs. Edward Newhall Jr., AAUW vice president, explained that "Plays for Living" series, and discussions which they spark, are highly enlightening and revealing in the field of human relations. The discussion will be led by a professional expert on family life problems, Roderick Walling, ACSW executive director, Centinela Valley Family Service Association. Anne Seymour will be theatrical representative and the acting cast includes Mary Lou Kenyon, Peter Adams, Katherine Lowens, Curt Lowens, Troy Patterson. Director is Walter Coy.

Membership in AAUW is open to all women who hold baccalaureate or higher degrees from colleges and universities on the AAUW qualified list. Those interested are invited to attend the meeting and play and to call Mrs. Lyle Metcalf, membership chairman.

Dianas In Salute to Youth

A salute to outstanding young people of the South Bay area will be made by members of the Redondo Beach Dianas. Mrs. Philip MacBride, dean of chairmen, and Mrs. Jerry Hebert, youth chairman, will direct the program recognizing the youth in a 7:30 p.m. event Monday, Feb. 17, at the Redondo Beach clubhouse.

Speaker for the evening will be an American Field Service student attending Redondo Union High School, Miss Riittailisa Puupponen of Finland. She will show slides and discuss life in Finland, and will appear in her native costume. Highlighting the presentations will be the introduction of Miss Janna Willoughby of Redondo Union High School, who is the club's Miss Teenage Citizen contest winner.

The Hallmark Art contest winner, Gary Jenkins, who attended Aviation High School, will display his winning picture entitled "Graphis," which was judged on artistic promise and creative approach. Reading his winning essay,

both of Hillcrest School, will also read their essays. Brownie Troop 841 and Girl Scout Troop 455 of Torrance and 650 of Palos Verdes Peninsula, all sponsored by the Dianas, have been invited to participate in the youth night program.

Mrs. George Easton, Mrs. Walt O'Brian, and Mrs. Pat Howard are directing activities of the hospitality committee for the event.

Dr. Mildred Miller, who will be presented by Mrs. Harry Vannatta, president, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of Xi Nu Upsilon Wednesday, Feb. 19 at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Morten Jones in Redondo Beach. Dr. Miller's topic will be "A Camera Safari in Africa."

Mrs. Jones will discuss rushing plans and Mrs. David Soewers will report on the Valentine luncheon. Plans for a fashion show will be told by Mrs. Irving Kurman.

After the meeting, a baby shower will be given for Mrs. John Cronander and Mrs. William Lochhead.

Mrs. John Passi of Alhambra announces the engagement of her daughter, Miss Lucy Lorgo, to Mark Bryan Ushman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Ushman, 20034 Bellemare Ave., Torrance.

The future bride is attending North High School. Her fiancé, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Parsons of Bushnell, Ill., is a senior at West High School. A June wedding is being planned.

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